GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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LICENCE TO SHOPKEEPERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shopkeepers have to acquire licence to sell seeds;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to abolish the process of getting licence to sell seeds; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir. Under Clause 3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983, no person shall carry on the business of selling, exporting or importing seeds at any place except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of licence granted to him under this Order.

(b)&(c): Provisions of the Seed (Control) Order, 1983 have been appropriately subsumed in the comprehensive Seeds Bill, 2004 which has already been introduced in the Rajya Sabha and now has been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture. Under this Seeds Bill, 2004, every person who desires to carry on the business of selling, keeping for sale, offering to sell, bartering, import or export or otherwise supply any seed by himself, or by any other person on his behalf, shall obtain a registration certificate as a dealer in seeds from the State Government.